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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: Complaint of US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. against Electric Power Board

of Chattanooga

Docket No. 02-00562

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed are the original and thirteen copies of BellSouth's Petition for Leave to Intervene. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel of record.

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Enclosure



BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:

Complaint of US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. against Electric Power Board of Chattanooga

Docket No. 02-00562

PETITION OF BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., pursuant to T.C.A. §4-5-310 and T.C.A. §65-2-107, petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding, and in support thereof states as follows:

- 1. Petitioner, a Georgia Corporation authorized to conduct and conducting a public utility business in the state of Tennessee, is engaged in furnishing exchange telephone service and intrastate (long distance) intraLATA telephone service in the state of Tennessee subject to the jurisdiction of the Authority and pursuant to T.C.A. §65-4-101 and T.C.A. §65-5-201, et seq.
- 2. Petitioner competes directly against the Electric Power Board of Chattanooga in Chattanooga and has an interest in this case.
- 3. Petitioner's legal interests may be determined in the proceedings and Petitioner's interests will not be adequately represented unless the Authority allows the Petitioner to intervene.

- 4. Allowing Petitioner to intervene will not impair the interests of justice or the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings.
- 5. Petitioner respectfully requests that it be granted leave to intervene and participate as a party in the above-captioned proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays:

- 1. That it be permitted to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party.
- 2. That Petitioner have such other and further relief to which it may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 23, 2002, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via the method indicated:

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